were subsequently detained under the COFEPOSA Act, 1974.

Statement of President of World Bank on economic problem sof poor countries

1185. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by the World Bank President Mr. A. W. Clausen while addressing the German Foreign Policy Association in Bonn on April 17, 1986 to the effect that poor countries in Asia like India, China and Pakistan face serious economic problems and require policy changes to accelerate adjustment;

(b) if so, whether Government have since got any confirmation from him about the precise nature of the problems and the policy changes contemplated; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The extract of the speech of Mr. A. W. Clausen made available by the World Bank's New Delhi office does not contain any reference to the effect that poor countries in Asia like India, China and Pakistan face serious economic problems. The full text of the speech is awaited.

Incentives to 100 per cent export-oriented units

1186. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incentives have recently been provided to 100 per cent export-oriented units; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The working of the 100 per cent export-oriented units has been reviewed from time to time and additional incentives extended as and when necessary. There has been no major incentive announced in this regard recently

Distress sale of raw cotton in Gujarat

@1186-A. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large scale distress sale of raw cotton is going on in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Due to easy supply position of cotton, there has been a downward trend in the prices of cotton in the country during the current cotton season. With a view to protecting the interest of the cotton growers, the following important steps have been taken by the Government of India:

(1) Minimum support prices of kapas have been announced.

(2) The Cotton Corporation of India has been directed to purchase cotton at the minimum support prices wherever the prices of kapas tend to fall below the support prices announced by the Government of India.

@Proviously Unstarred Question 820 transferred from the 2nd May, 1986.